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From: Sanders, Edward
Sent: Friday, September 07, 2001 3:46 AM
To: Nelson, Bettie L
Cc: Walk, Roger A.
Subject: RE: DATA MANAGEMENT AND ANALYSIS UNIT

Bettie,

It was a pleasure to receive a document from you for review that was less than 100 pages. I think you have done on excellent job. I have very few specific comments, but I do want to discuss a potential further use of what you are planning to do. However, I would not suggest you change your current document in any way to accommodate this potential future use.

My specific comments are a follows:

Page 1:

In the sentence that starts out in the third line of the first paragraph, you state that, "This mission will be carried out by conducting human population studies..." Human population studies are not the only approach that is being used to carry out this mission. Therefore, I would change this sentence to read, "This mission will be addressed in part by conducting human population studies..." This change has the added benefit of not having used the phrase "carried out" twice in the same sentence.

Page 2:

Last paragraph, line 1 – I would add the word "Affairs" between the words "Scientific" and "Programs".

Last paragraph, line 2 – I would change the word "studies" to the word "study".

That's it.

Now for my general comment. It occurred to me that since you are proposing to use this function to store external data bases (CDC, NHANES, etc.), it could prove to be an extremely useful tool for us epidemiologists. We are constantly having to obtain data ranging from lung cancer mortality in a given year, to market share of low tar cigarettes in the US. It would be a marvelous tool if such data were located in a central location that could be easily accessed. I would not worry about amending your document to reflect that, since you have more than adequately justified the creation of the DMAU without considering this additional use. The other point I would like to make is that it might be advisable to consider two different levels of accessibility. One level for proprietary data, where your rules about written requests and approval, etc., would be applicable, while access to external data could be done without the need for a written request, etc. This change might even be included in your current document.

Thanks for letting me have a look at this.

Best regards.

Ted

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Ted,

I have prepared a proposal to establish a unit that will be responsible for receiving and analyzing data received from the various studies that are being conducted in Human Studies. The primary users would probably be Human Studies and Product Assessment.

This draft examines the feasibility of such a unit and its purpose. I would certainly appreciate receiving feedback from you on this idea by Friday, September 14, 2001.

Thanks.

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With best regards,

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